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SUBJECT: GOT NOTE ON F-4E AND HARPOON MISSILE CONTRACTS

REF: A) ANKARA 2712; B) SECDEF 9796 251352Z MAR 75

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CHARGING US BREACH OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF F-4E AIRCRAFT AND HARPOON MISSILES AND RESERVING GOT RIGHT TO REEXAMINE AGREEMENTS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS AND EARLIER (REF A) GOT NOTE. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALLED IN MSA COUNSELOR ON APRIL 8 TO PRESENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE (NUMBER 1491 DATED APRIL 7) DRAWING EMBASSY'S ATTENTION IN GENERAL TO "THE MANY PROBLEMS" KJEATED BY THE "COMPLETE EMBARGO" ON DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SPECIFICALLY TO THOSE INVOLVED WITH F-4E AIRCRAFT AND HARPOON MISSILE PURCHASES. HE STATED THAT THIS NOTE EXPANDED ON POINTS MADE IN THAT OF MARCH 31 (REF A) AND MADE CLEAR (AS DID NOTE ITSELF) THAT GOT RESERVES RIGHT TO COMMENT AT LATER DATE ON OTHER PROBLEMS ARISING FROM "EMBARGO". HE INDICATED THAT RESPONSE FROM EMBASSY IS EXPECTED.

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3. ON F-4E'S, NOTE STATES THAT GOT HAS SCRUPULOUSLY FULFILLED ALL OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING FINANCIAL LIABILITIES BUT THAT US, BY STOPPING DELIVERY OF REMAINING AIRCRAFT, HAS NOT ONLY HAMPERED IMPLEMENTATION OF VITAL PROJECT BUT HAS ALSO BREACHED TERMS OF CONTRACT CONCERNING AIRCRAFT DELIVERY. ON HARPOON MISSILES, NOTE SAYS THAT, ALTHOUGH CONTRACT SIGNED WITH MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS AND REQUISITE ADVANCE PAYMENT MADE, US CANNOT PROVIDE MISSILES AND CONTINUATION OF ENTIRE PROJECT IS BEING AFFECTED TO DETRIMENT OF TURKISH NAVAL FORCES. TURK GOVERNMENT, NOTE ADDS, RESERVES RIGHT TO REEXAMINE BOTH AGREEMENTS.

4. PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH READS (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED): QTE. TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO INFORM EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES THAT IN VIEW OF SITUATION DESCRIBED, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MIGHT ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE TWO PROJECTS CANNOT BE IMPUTED TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT. UNQTE.

5. WE ARE ON INFORMAL BASIS PROVIDING MFA OFFICIALS WITH PERTINENT PASSAGES FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S MARCH 14 RESPONSE TO GENERAL HIZEL (REF B), OF WHICH THEY SEEMED TO BE UNAWARE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FORMAL RESPONSE MAY BE REQUIRED AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. COPY OF APRIL 7 NOTE IS BEING POUCHED.
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